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December 2d, 1856.

DR. BRIDGES, Vice President, in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From P. L. Sclater, dated Philadelphia, Nov. 30th, 1856, acknowledging his election as a Correspondent of the Academy.

From Dr. W. A. Hammond, dated Fort Riley, Kansas Territory, Nov. 11th, 1856, transmitting donations to the Museum.

Dr. Leidy announced that the skin of the Walrus, presented by S. Drinker, Esq., of Hong Kong, China, had been mounted and placed in the Museum.

Mr. Vaux, on behalf of the Publication Committee, announced the publication on the 18th November, of part 3, vol. iii. of the Journal of the Academy.

On leave granted, Dr. Le Conte offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

Resolved, That Messrs. Trübner & Co., of London, be appointed agents in Europe for the publications of the Academy.

Resolved, That the Committee on Proceedings be directed to prepare a circular, to be directed to the Members and Correspondents of the Academy, soliciting subscriptions to its publications.

Resolved, That the Committee on Proceedings be directed to consider the expediency of raising the price of the printed Proceedings of the Academy, and to report at the next meeting for business.

December 9th.

DR. BRIDGES, Vice President, in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From the Royal Society of Sciences of Upsal, dated Nov. 16th, 1855; from the Imperial Royal Geological Institute of Vienna, dated March 20th, 1856; and from the Zoologico-Botanical Society of Vienna, dated May 10th, 1856, severally transmitting donations to the Library.

From E. J. Lowe, dated Highfield House Observatory, Nov. 18th, 1856, transmitting a copy of his Natural History of Ferns.

From the Imperial Academy of Sciences of Vienna, dated April 15th, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of the Journal of the Academy, and desiring certain back numbers. Referred to the Publication Committee.

Dr. Leidy presented for publication in the Proceedings, a paper entitled, "Remarks on certain extinct species of Fishes. By Joseph Leidy, M. D.;" which was referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. Lea, Mr. Lesley and Dr. Le Conte.

Mr. Lea read a letter from Dr. McChesney, of Quincy, Illinois, accompanying a box of Naiades, acknowledged this evening.

Mr. Lesley made some remarks upon a Hæmatitic geode, found near Marietta, Pa., which was filled with pure drinkable water instead of the usual clayey matter; he also alluded to another, which was filled with a cubical crystal of galena.